

Exhibition catalogue

# BOW RIVER COUNTRY

BY TRACEY AND KATHY RAMSAY

**21 June – 1 July**

An exhibition of work from two of the East Kimberley's  
most exciting emerging artists



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Nichola Dare and Tracey Ramsay at Bow River, October 2018

*Late last year, I travelled to the East Kimberley to help Warmun Art Centre celebrate its 20th anniversary. It was a wonderful weekend in many ways and while contemplating the 20-year legacy of Warmun's many famous and renowned artists, my eye kept being drawn to a handful of new works by two emerging artists Tracey and Kathy Ramsay. Over the weekend, I went out to Bow River community, hoping to meet legendary Warmun artist, Rammey Ramsay. But Rammey was resting so I met with his daughter, Tracey, and it was there, drinking billy tea in Bow River, that we first discussed putting on Tracey and Kathy's first ever Sydney exhibition.*

Kathy and Tracey are at the forefront of the new generation of Warmun artists. Their work bears the hallmarks of the East Kimberley aesthetic while, at the same time, telling ancient stories in fresh, new ways. Their sureness of brushwork is their father's but they paint a different Country to his: their Country – Bow River Country.

Kathy is the older of the sisters and began painting in 2013. Her main reason for becoming an artist was her responsibility to preserve her family history, stories and traditional knowledge: "I just paint what my old people told me about our Country – because they are the ones who know the history of our Country, the Country we're still connected to today. Our Country really knows us, and it owns us."

Tracey only entered the art centre at Warmun in 2018, at the age of 47. Her first work sold instantly, inspiring her to paint more of her neat graphic compositions with colourful palettes, often featuring soft pink backgrounds.

Whilst both artists are new to the art scene, both have already been critically acclaimed. Kathy has been recognised at Headland Art Award for the past two years and Tracey has already been featured in notable shows, including the Revealed Emerging Artist Exhibition and as a finalist in the Midwest Art Prize 2019.

Kathy and Tracey's connection to Bow River Country is profound and they truly bring their Country to life in their work. Often they paint the same sites, but each tells her story with unique visual language, different embellishments and exquisite details.

I returned to Warmun in April to make final arrangements for this exhibition with the artists and the art centre. I am truly proud of this show and honoured to be able to introduce Tracey Ramsay and Kathy Ramsay in their first ever Australian show.

Warmest,

*Nichola*

# Kathy Ramsay

## Green Vale

Cat No: WAR37/19

80cm x 60cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$1,095.00



## Kathy Ramsay

### Green Vale

Cat No: WAR168/19

90cm x 70cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$1,400.00



## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay

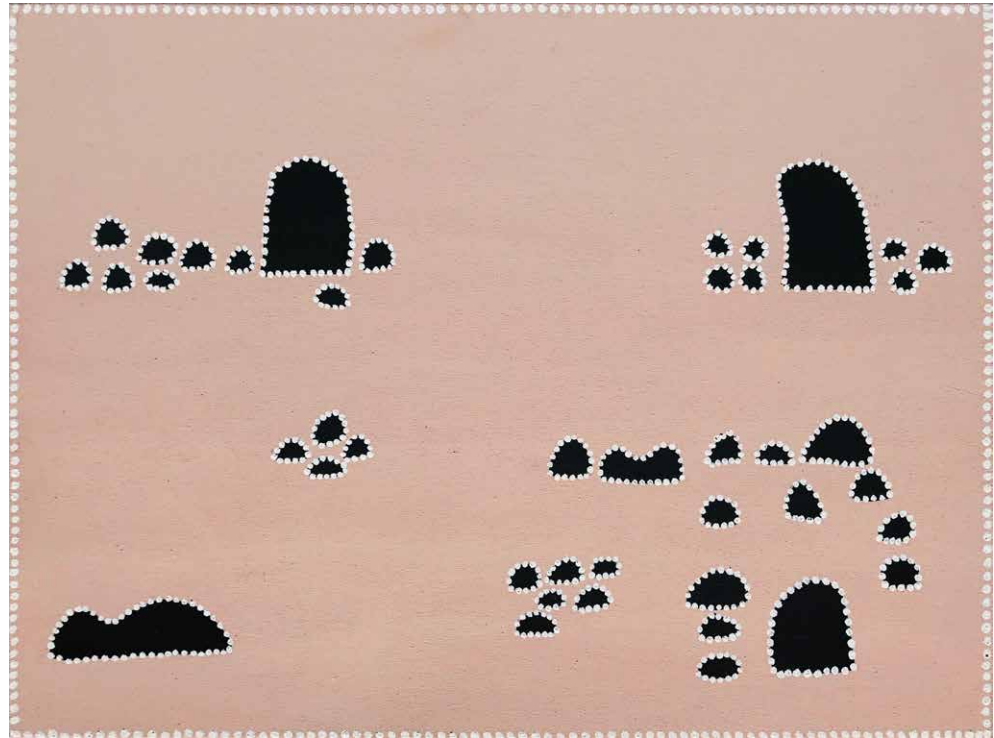
### Juwurlinji (Bow River)

Cat no: WAR23/19

80cm x 60cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$660.00



## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay

### Blowfly Dreaming

Cat No: WAR22/19

80cm x 60cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$660.00



# Kathy Ramsay

## Warlbough Hill, Bow River

Cat No: WAR03/19

80cm x 80cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$1,400.00





## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay

### Juwurlinji (Bow River)

Cat No: WAR164/19

80cm x 70cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$730.00



## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay

### Warrbon (River Kangaroo) Dreaming

Cat No: WAR21/19

120cm x 90cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$990.00



## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay

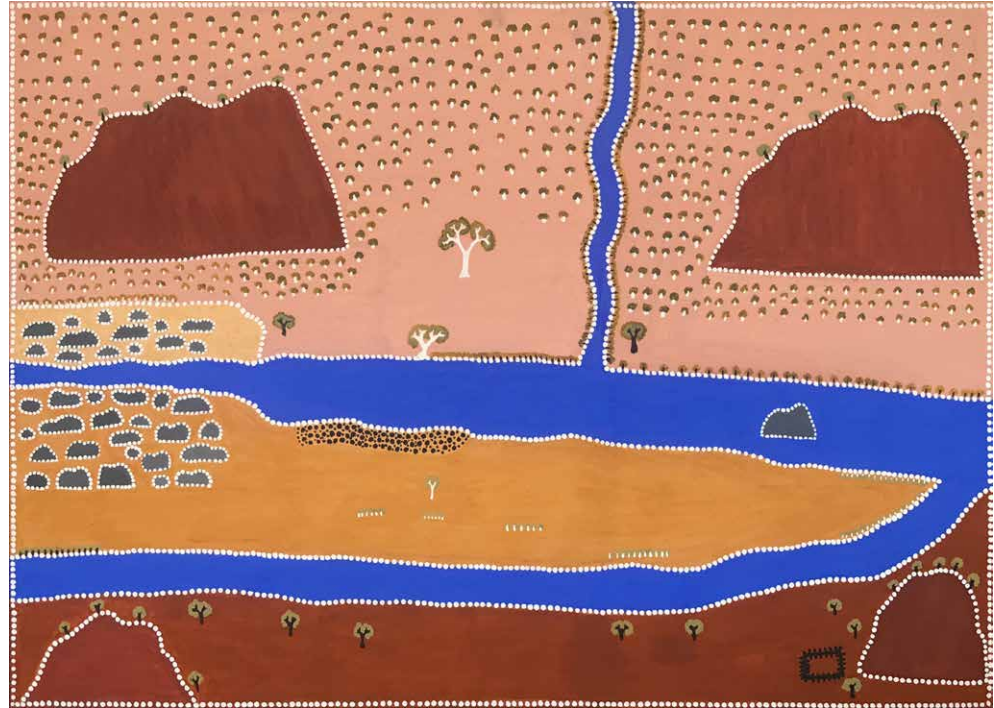
### Gorge Yard

Cat No: WAR349/18

140cm x 100cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$1,185.00



## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay



### Ringgirrin

Cat No: WAR344/18

140cm x 100cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$1,185.00

# Kathy Ramsay

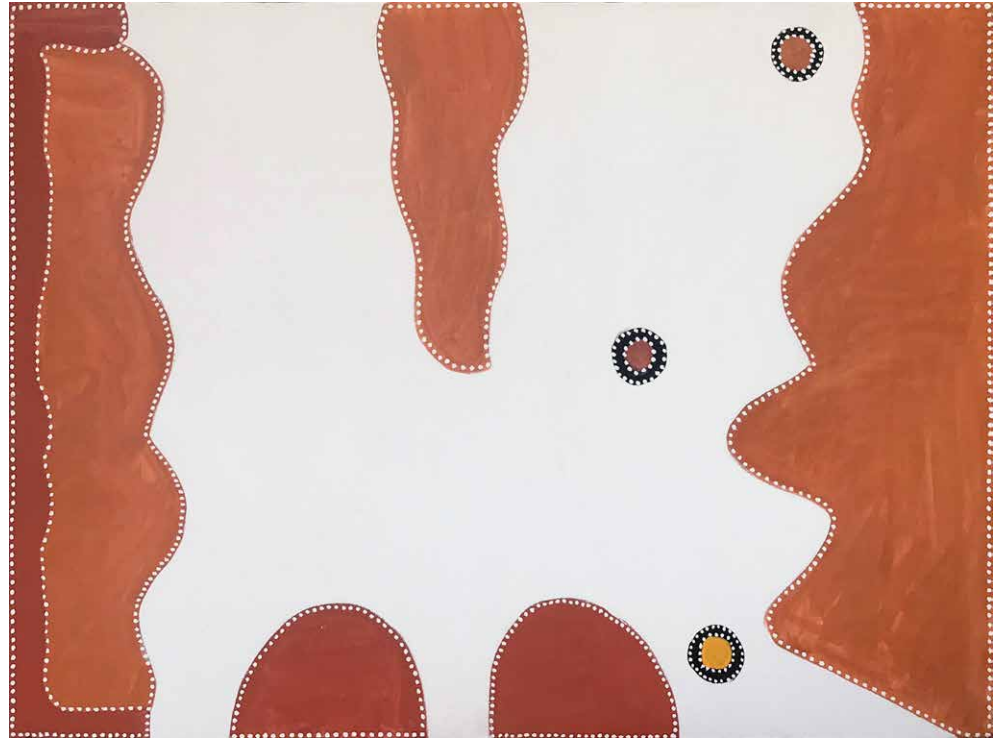
## **Bow River Country**

Cat No: WAR97/19

120cm x 90cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$2,235.00



## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay

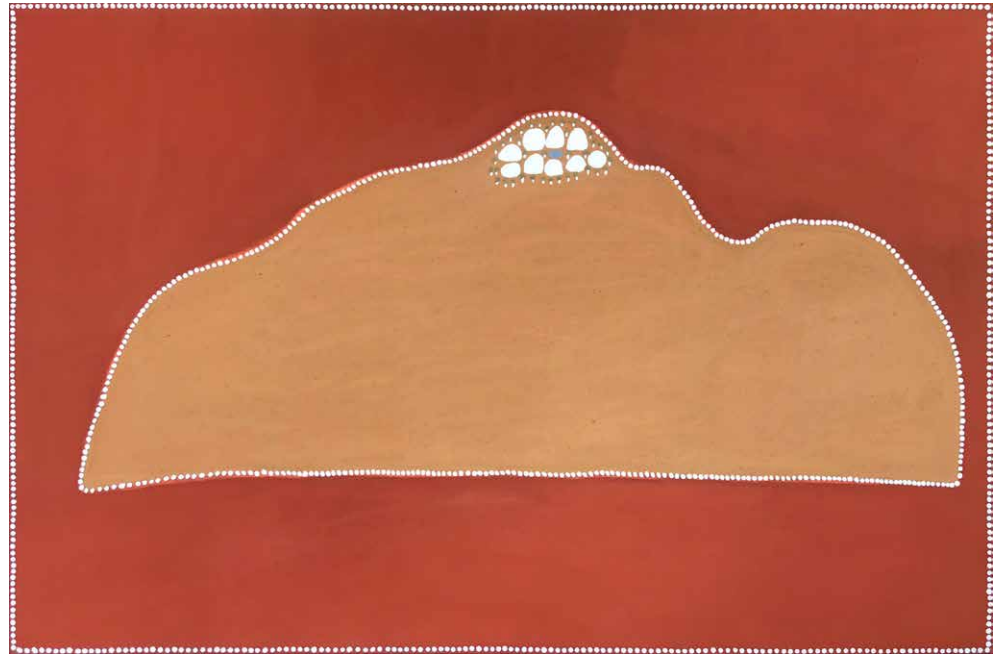
### **Blowfly Dreaming**

Cat No: WAR502/18

150cm x 100cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$1,185.00



## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay

### Blowfly Dreaming

Cat No: WAR166/19

80cm x 80cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$790.00



## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay

### Blowfly Dreaming

Cat No: WAR167/19

80cm x 80cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$790.00





## Tracey Doorloo Ramsay

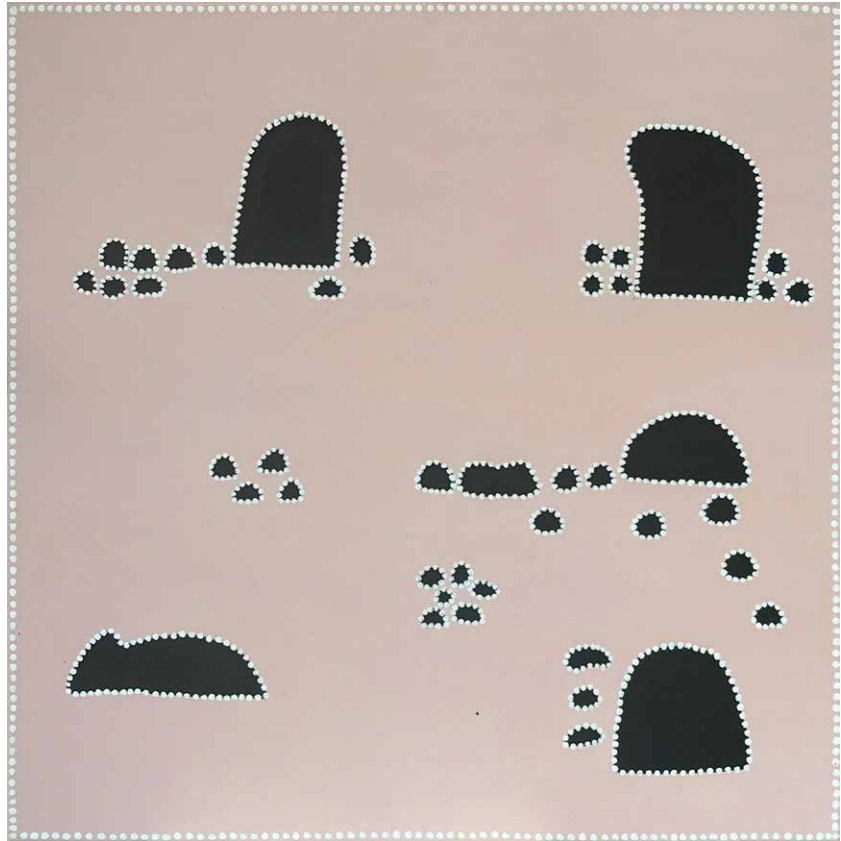
### Juwurlinji (Bow River)

Cat No: WAR165/19

80cm x 80cm

Natural ochre and pigments  
on canvas

\$790.00





Bow River Country Photo by Darren Clark

Please join us for the opening night:

Friday 21 June, 6pm – 8pm  
254 Bronte Road, Waverley 2024



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